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**NEW TANK DEPLOYMENT
FERFER ETHIOPIA**

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1. (S/D) **SIGNIFICANCE:** A TANK COMPANY HAS RECENTLY BEEN DEPLOYED NEAR THE TOWN OF FERFER IN THE SOUTHERN OGADEN APPROXIMATELY 5 NM WEST OF THE BORDER WITH SOMALIA.
 2. (S/D) **REMARKS:** ON PARTIAL COVERAGE [REDACTED] SIX T-54/55 TANKS WERE IDENTIFIED WITHIN FERFER DEPLOYMENT AREA JUST SOUTH OF THE FERFER-MUSTAHIL ROAD. THESE TANKS WERE PARKED IN VEHICLE REVETMENTS ON THE PERIMETER OF THIS DEPLOYMENT AREA WHICH CONSISTS OF DEFENSIVE TRENCHING AND APPROXIMATELY 20 BUILDINGS. WHILE THESE DEFENSIVE MEASURES WERE PRESENT IN THE MILITARY DEPLOYMENT AREA [REDACTED] NO TANKS WERE IN THE AREA AT THAT TIME. 25X1
- (S/D) IN RECENT WEEKS MILITARY ACTIVITY ALONG THE ETHIOPIA/SOMALIA BORDER HAS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY. SOMALIA HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN COMBAT OPERATIONS AGAINST BOTH ETHIOPIAN MILITARY FORCES AND INSURGENT FORCES OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC SALVATION FRONT (SDSF). IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE FROM IMAGERY THE SUBORDINATION OF THIS TANK COMPANY. TANKS ARE KNOWN TO BE IN THE INVENTORY OF THE SDSF AND ETHIOPIAN MILITARY UNITS. [REDACTED] 25X1
3. (S) [REDACTED] COORDINATES 05-04-36N 045-03-40E. 25X1

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